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**Abstract** 

## Novel-The invention relates to a new type of expression cassettes-comprising a) the eoding which, under genetic control, contain regulating nucleic acid sequences a) nucleic acid sequence coding for 4-hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase (HPPD) or for a one of its functional equivalent thereof; and/or b) at least one nucleic acid sequence (anti-HGD) which is capable of inhibiting the homogentisate dioxygenase (HGD) activity, under the genetic control of regulatory nucleic acid sequences,. The invention also relates to and vectors which are suitable for generating plants with an elevated tocopherol content, transgenic plants generated therewith, and

methods of generating transgenic plants with an elevated tocopherol content.